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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE AND VAN DOREN

E.O.H11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, DEPOSIT OF TREATY

INSTRUMENTS AND IAEA/EURATOM VERIFICATION

AGREEMENT

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BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING MARCH 18-19 VISIT TO WASHINGTON,

FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH HOPES TO SPEAK WITH DR. IKLE AND VAN DOREN ABOUT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS REMAINING GERMAN PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPOSIT OF NPT RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS. ROTH'S MAIN POINTS ARE AS REPORTED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. WHILE NOT A DIRECT PARTY, AMB ROTH TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 14 THAT THE FRG IS INTERESTED IN US VIEWS CONCERNING THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HE SAID HE HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS A "SPAN OF VIEWS" IN THE USG CONCERNING THE REVIEW CONFERENCE AND VOICED THE HOPE THAT NATO ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS COULD COME UP WITH A CONSOLIDATED POSITION. ROTH EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. NPT RATIFICATION. ROTH SAID HE ALSO WISHED TO INFORM DR. IKLE ON REMAINING FRG PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPOSIT OF NPT RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS. THE MAIN ISSUE IS THE 18-MONTH TIME LIMIT IN NPT ARTICLE 3 (4) FOR ENTERING INTO FORCE OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND THE CURRENTLY UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BY THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT. ROTH SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER THIS WEEK IN VIENNA WITH IAEA OFFICIALS AND WITH GERMAN IAEA DEL CHIEF, UNGERER. HE ALSO HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER RECENTLY IN STOCKHOLM WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS, WHO INDICATED THAT SWEDEN HAD A TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE US AND IAEA BUT INTENDED TO DEFER CONCLUSION OF AN IAEA SWEDEN VERIFICATION AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION BY ALL EURATOM MEMBER STATES.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND GIVEN THE US RULE OF REASON AND BOTH THE US AND SOVIET CONTINUED PROVISION OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO GERMAN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, ROTH

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BELIEVED A CASE COULD BE MADE FOR FINDING AN INTERIM SOLUTION WITH ITALY. THIS WOULD INVOLVE PUTTING THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT INTO FORCE, BUT WITH A CLAUSE THAT FINAL AGREEMENT BY ITALY IS STILL PENDING. ROTH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT FULLY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NPT, BUT SAID HE WISHED TO EXPLORE THE QUESTION WITH BOTH DR. IKLE AND VAN DOREN, AND EXPRESSED A READINESS TO SLIGHTLY EXTEND HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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4. AS A FINAL POINT, ROTH SAID GERMAN INDUSTRY HAD MADE KNOWN ITS WISH TO BRING THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

INTO FORCE ASAP SO THAT ITS OBLIGATIONS WOULD BE
CLARIFIED. ROTH SAID IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR TO
EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT THE
QUESTION OF IMMUNITY OF INSPECTORS STILL HAD TO BE
RESOLVED BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND EURATOM. O
HE HOPED IN DUE COURSE TO GET SOME US REACTIONS TO
THESE ABOVE QUESTIONS.

5.H FYI: EMBASSY PASSED DR. IKLE'S MESSAGE ON
VERIFICATION (STATE 48687) AND DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENCY
PRESS GUIDANCE TO ROTH. H GERMANS CONCUR IN PRESS
GUIDANCE AND ROTH WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
MBFR AND OTHER VERIFICATION ISSUES WITH IKLE.
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